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TOPIC Military Information from Bernau, Perleberg and Fuerstenwalde 25X1A

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REMARKS

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1. On 22 September 1951, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Bernau (N 53/Z 96), was only partially occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. About 20 soldiers were seen receiving theoretical instruction on an artillery piece, apparently an AT gun. Fresh tank treads were seen at the barracks gate on Wandlitzer Chaussee.

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2. Prior to 22 September, the barracks installations in Perleberg (N 54/T 70) were occupied by only rear details, and the troops from the installations were still at the Schweinrich troop training grounds. An interpreter said that the troops were expected to return in the middle of October, and that the barracks installations would be occupied more heavily than before. Engineer troops were allegedly to be among the troops expected to return to the post. (2) Gun fire was repeatedly heard from the direction of Hagenow during the days and nights between 16 and 22 September. (3)

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3. [redacted] seen driving over an obstacle course at the drill field of the Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33) military post on 23 September. The crews of the armored vehicles were repeatedly exchanged, and about 20 soldiers received instruction from an officer. After the driving practice, the extra crews were trucked to the Pionier Kaserne, and the armored vehicles also returned to the installation. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The information indicates that the components of the 6th Gds Mecz Div from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne were at the Templin troop training grounds until 22 September 1951.

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25X1A [redacted] The trucks mentioned in the present report belong to a headquarters unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army or to the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

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- (2) The information confirms a report by another source who stated that the barracks installations in Perleberg were occupied by only rear **units** on 24 September, and that the components of the 18th Kecz Div from the post were at the Schweinrich troop training grounds. 25X1A
- There have been several other reports from military posts in the Soviet Zone of Germany stating that the troops were expected to return from the troop training grounds in October 1951.
- (3) Units from Schwerin, Wismar and Hagenow were reported to have left their posts to conduct field exercises in the area south of Schwerin between 14 and 20 September. See 25X1A
- (4) The information agrees with a report of 14 September 1951 by the same and another source. 25X1A
- present report therefore confirms the unidentified tank training battalion of the 7th Gds Kecz Div in the Pionier Kaserne, Fuerstenwalde, until 23 September 1951.

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